--- 1/12th Pound - "Series of 1883" - BLUE - 255 x 14 mm. - 5th BABN Contract (1892-1897) ---

--- Recess printed by hand press in Montreal on horizontal mesh wove paper - with 4 mm. red controls ---

--- RP-608 - *coarse roulette* - scanned at 67% scale ---

John McKay records that 100,000 copies of "1-12, Blue", *recess printed* by hand press were 'delivered' under the **5th BABN Contract** (1892-1897). This is the first listing of a 255 mm. "Series of 1883" strip, so these must post-date 1892. Apparently the 1/12th pound strips was new to the trade, as there is no comparable 1/12th pound strip in the "Series of 1880-81". In spite of their 1892 dating, the 4 mm. control numbers indicates that this strip was manufactured in Montreal.

5th BABN Contract - April 23rd 1892 100,000 recess (hand press) **000001** to **100000**

The catalogue lists the recess printed "Series of 1883" blue 1/12th pound strip as follows:

RP-608 - 1/12th pound, blue, *coarse roulette*, on horizontal mesh wove, 4 mm. red controls

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RP-608 CP - 1/12th pound, coarse roulette, recess printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove - with 4 mm. control **020211**
Stamped with **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic letters

RP-608 CP - 1/12th pound, coarse roulette, recess printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove - with 4 mm. control **020221**
Stamped with an inverted **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic letters

020204	RP-608 CP	1/12th pound, coarse roulette, printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove, Stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic
020211★	RP-608 CP	1/12th pound, coarse roulette, printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove, Stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic
020221★	RP-608a CP	1/12th pound, coarse roulette, printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove, With an *inverted* **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic

The initial printing of **RP-608** appears to have been for 20,000 strips, and the **CANCELLED** examples come from the second printing under the 5th BABN Contract - thus probably about 1894. About 86,000 strips were actually used, and those listed later seem to be remnants.

RP-608 - 1/12th pound, coarse roulette, recess printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove - with 4 mm. control **086331**,
The collection also contains a split sheet of twenty similar strips - **086141-60**

086032★	RP-608	1/12th pound, coarse roulette, printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove
086033	RP-608	1/12th pound, coarse roulette, printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove
086089	RP-608	1/12th pound, coarse roulette, printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove
086090	RP-608	1/12th pound, coarse roulette, printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove
086141-60★	RP-608	1/12th pound, coarse roulette, printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove, Sheet of twenty - without a sheet imprint
086238	RP-608	1/12th pound, coarse roulette, printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove
086252★	RP-608	1/12th pound, coarse roulette, printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove
086331★	RP-608	1/12th pound, coarse roulette, printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove

086334	RP-608	1/12th pound, coarse roulette, printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove
086336	RP-608	1/12th pound, coarse roulette, printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove
086344	RP-608	1/12th pound, coarse roulette, printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove
086361★	RP-608	1/12th pound, coarse roulette, printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove
086444	RP-608	1/12th pound, coarse roulette, printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove
086464	RP-608	1/12th pound, coarse roulette, printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove

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